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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE OF DRAFT ON HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE:
RECOMMENDED CHANGES

REF: STATE 273905

1. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT ON HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE ARE RECOMMENDED:

A. SECTION I, FIRST SENTENCE: "DECLARING" TO RPLACE "RECEIVING."

B. SECTION I, OMIT "IT IS A GOVERNMENT OF CHECKS AND BALANCES."

C. SECTION I, ADD " AND AS STANDARD BEARER OF THE TRUE WHIG PARTY" TO SENTENCE BEGINNING "WILLIAM R. TOLBERT ..."

D. SECTION I, CHANGE LAST SENTENCE TO READ: "DURING HIS TENURE IN OFFICE, PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAS CONTINUED THE POLICIES OF HIS PREDECESSOR, WILLIAM TUBMAN, OF IMPROVING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND ADVANCEMENT AVAILABLE TO THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION."

E. SECTION II, SECOND SENTENCE: "DISPERSED/ TO REPLACE "DIS-BURSUED."

F. SECTION II, THIRD SENTENCE: CHANGE TO READE "WHO AS NON-CITIZENS MAY NOT VOTE OR OWN LAND."

G. SECTION II, FOURTH SENTENCE TO END WITH "...SUPRA-CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS." ADD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING: "THUS THE

PRESIDENT HAS BEEN GIVEN THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FOR CRIMES INVOLVING COUNTERFEITING, NARCOTICS, BANK FRAUD AND FORGERY."

H. SECTION III, ARTICLE 8. DROP SENTENCE BEGINNING "THEIR ACCESS ...", AND REPLACE WITH "ACCESS TO THE PROTECTION OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE TO ALL, ALTHOUGH THE MORE LITERATE, AFFLUENT AND WELL-CONNECTED INDIVIDUAL ENJOYS ADVANTAGES IN MATTERS BEFORE THE COURTS."
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